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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 18 May 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 2-6 and 8.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pieper et al., US 7,099,734.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Final rejection was indeed a Final rejection in spite of Final Office Action inadvertently not including the proper form paragraph indicating such. Applicant noted prior art, e. g. Pieper, did not meet claim limitations. Examiner noted intended use claim language. Examiner is open to Applicant going towards computer software type claims and cancelling system claims. The issue of a RCE being filed to accomplish such was discussed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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